

# Our Pilgrimage



16<sup>th</sup> Sep 2018, VOLUME 30  
24<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday



What are the fruits of your faith? Is there any evidence of your faith? One might give testimony of going for Sunday Eucharist on a daily basis or give alms to the poor. If you consider your faith seriously, what would be the fruits of your faith?

One of the fruits of faith would be the willingness to talk to non-believers about Jesus Christ. This of course is brought about by a life of witnessing to the love you have for the Lord. A person who is always angry is a bad witness to the love of and for the Lord. A person who has no concern for the lowly is a bad witness. The second reading of today tells us of the confident and quiet faith one has even though times are difficult.

The gospel tells us that having faith in the Lord is not enough. Faith in the Lord must be translated into walking in the ways of the Lord. Faith does not know what is going to happen next, but is willing to walk with the person we have placed our trust in. Faith originates and returns to the same source. We have faith in Jesus, we do what Jesus is asking of us. Yes, there will be fear, but faith is stronger than the fear that we have.

It is time to show our faith through actions that we take. Just prayers alone will not strengthen our faith. The desire to come out of our comfort zones and actually go out there to spread the Good News will strengthen our faith. Does the faith that you live inspire others to want to know more about Jesus Christ? Does the faith you live motivate others to great and wonderful things for Jesus Christ? Does the faith you live attract others to do the same?

Love and Adventure,  
Fr. Terence Pereira

## Questions for reflection:

What would you personal answer be to the question: "Who do you say that I am?"

What are the areas of your faith that needs to be more visible?

How would you deepen your faith?

First Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9  
Responsorial Psalm: 114(116):1-6,8-9  
Second Reading: James 2:14-18  
Gospel: Mark 8:27-35

*'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine,  
let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.'* Mark 8:34



## OUR LOGO

The two 'C' stand for the Christ (outer circle) encompassing the community (inner circle).

Christ Jesus is always present in his Church. The golden stylised sword represents the community rooted in the word of God ready to move as represented by the wings spread out to bring the Kerygma as represented by the cross to everyone.

- The colours are that of the Archangel
- The sword and wing represent the Archangel who is always there as our guardian.

## VISION

A vibrant loving community of **disciples making disciples** for the Kingdom of God

## MISSION

**To Create** moments of God encounters

**To Form** Disciples in Christ

**To Nurture** community spirit through the Word of God

# Getting Ready for Our Feast Day



In the last one year, as one community, we have been on a spiritual journey filled with studying the bible, obedience to God, and trusting our Lord is a lifelong adventure that will bring true understanding of the world and a deep love for God our Father. It is important we pause, “spring clean” ourselves and reflect on how much we have grown, recognizing the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

*Julianne Danielle Lim*



Church of St Michael  
57<sup>th</sup>  
Feast Day Celebration  
Vibrant in Faith  
Theme of 2018

## Triduum

### Know Your Faith

Triduum Day 1

Date: 26 Sep 2018, Wednesday

Time: 8pm\*

Celebrant: Fr. JJ Fenelon

### Faith to Serve

Triduum Day 2

Date: 27 Sep 2018, Thursday

Time: 8pm\*

Celebrant: Fr. Valerian Cheong

### Faith to Share

Triduum Day 3

Date: 28 Sep 2018, Friday

Time: 8pm\*

Celebrant: Msgr Ambrose Vaz

*\*During the three-day Triduum, there will be recitation of the chaplet of St. Michael at 7.30pm before the Eucharist Celebration at 8pm*

## Feast Day

Feast Day Celebration and  
Consecration of Altar

Date: 29 Sep 2018, Saturday

Time: 5.30pm

Celebrant: Archbishop William Goh

Archbishop William Goh will celebrate our 57<sup>th</sup> Feast Day Eucharist at 5.30pm. His Grace will also consecrate our altar. A light dinner will follow after the celebration.

## Parish Feast Fair

Date: 30 Sep 2018, Sunday

Time: 11am

To close our feast day celebrations, come join the festivities, food and games at our parish feast and fair, after the 10am Eucharist Celebration

# Celebrating St. Mike's 57th Anniversary

## Faith to Share

*How do you share your faith with others?*



*Sharing Jesus in National Service*

*By openly practising my faith, there were opportunities where others asked me about the differences between Catholics and other denominations while we were on duty. At other times, I talk to fellow Catholics in camp about faith and try to understand why some of them may not be going to church without judging them.*

- Raphael Lee



*Sharing Jesus through social media with co-workers*

*It started with sharing a social meeting greeting on by Mgr. Heng, wishing our Muslim friends, Hari Raya Aidilfitri. I shared this with a Muslim colleague and through this exchange, there was an opportunity to share a scriptural reflection. I always remember Archbishop William Goh teaching us to start sharing what is common.*

- Jacqueline Ang



*Sharing Jesus in the parks*

*When my colleagues and I have our walks and inspections in the parks, some of us often share about how God has helped us in different situations at work, in both challenging and good situations. We try to encourage one another, and at the same time share how dependent we are on our Father and how He continually plays a big part in our lives.*

- Angelina Choo



*Sharing Jesus in the Banking industry*

*Sharing what I have learnt about my faith with my fellow Catholic colleagues after our weekly, office rosary session, has not only brought us closer to one another but also closer to our Lord. We also organise monthly faith sharing sessions with other Christian colleagues.*

- Letitia Poon

*I share my faith by living by example. Actions really speak louder than words.*

- Venassa Tan

# Celebrating St. Mike's 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*How do you share your faith with others?*



*Sharing Jesus in non-profit organizations and in the classrooms*



*Faith is found in bringing hope and joy to the clients I serve and the staff. To be quietly excellent in the tasks I undertake, and to direct all glory to GOD.*  
- Brian Bartholomew Tan



*Sharing Jesus in the legal sector*



*I share my faith in the office by speaking about the joy of being married to my wife and to question people's assumptions about their convictions.. E.g, Marriage is just a piece of paper, and point them towards the Truth.*

- Jeremy Chan

***Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation***

- Mark 16:15



*Sharing Jesus with non-believers after work*



*God uses us as His instruments to touch and save souls/hearts of others. I had an opportunity to share my faith with an Indian Muslim lady who was prompted to approach me. She later remarked that God sent me to her in that moment of personal turmoil in her life. She shared, that she is a Muslim but believes and prays to our Mother Mary. We are God's guide to others in their first step of Faith.*

- Irina Bytchkova



*Sharing Jesus in the hospitals*



*I'll try to spot a rosary bracelet or "Jesus I trust in You" pendant on them, or identify Christian names to break the ice from there. Then I'll invite friends and neighbours to go for mass together.*

- Sarah Sng



*Sharing Jesus in government ministries*



*Sharing my faith can come in all ways. But I always make it a point to make the sign of the cross and say grace before meals. There have been occasions where colleagues and friends have asked me about it and I take the opportunity to share my faith.*

- Paul Ow



*Sharing Jesus in trade and investment industries*



*We need to live God's word 24/7 through our behaviour. It is especially when there are conflicts or when we are persecuted in the workplace. Only in times like these and we respond in Christ-like ways that we can convince people around us that Christ is our saviour. There is no need for any explanation.*

- Benedict Lim

*Interviewed by: Julianne Danielle Lim  
Prepared by: Justina Maria Sng*

# Prayer of Thanksgiving 感恩的祷告

Thank you Lord for teaching me how to serve and not be served.

感谢上主教导我如何服务而不是受人服务。

Thank you Lord for giving me an opportunity to serve the dying and the less mobile people in our midst.

感谢上主让我有机会为我们当中那些临终者和残障的人士服务。



Thank you Lord for teaching me to seek the Kingdom of God and his righteousness first.

感谢上主教导我先寻求天主的国和祂的义德。

Thank you Lord for all the saints and angels who have been praying for me steadfastly.

感谢上主为所有一直坚持为我祈祷的天使和圣人。

Thank you Lord for being patient with me, waiting patiently for me to say yes to you.

感谢上主对我的耐心，耐心的等待我。

Your love is better than life and my soul pines for you My Lord and My King. My heart burns with desire for you. For you alone can satisfy this hunger.

你的爱比生命更美好，我的灵魂为你而生，我的主和我的王。我的心灵渴慕你，只有你才能满足我的饥渴。

Dear Lord, I thank you and praise you with all my heart. Please forgive all my sins and take them away.

亲爱的主，我感谢你，全心全意地赞美你。请宽恕并带走我所有的罪过。

Lord, you deliver me from the snares of the evil forces and come to my help; strengthen my faith and keep me good and honest. I pray that you will bless me and not let my enemies triumph over me.

上主，你救我脱离邪恶势力的网罗，加强我的信德，让我保持诚实。祈求你祝福我，不要让我的敌人战胜我。

# Blessings in the Holy Name of Jesus

In Luke 6: 27-28 we are exhorted by Jesus, “But to you who hear, I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.” This exhortation is echoed in 1 Peter 3:9, “Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing,” and in Romans 12:14, “Bless those who persecute you, bless and do not curse them.”

A significant repetition means that this exhortation is something truly important and that we should sit up, pay attention, and do something about it.

In the study of Linguistics, there is a branch known as Semiotics – which speaks of the study of the Science of Signs and Signifiers. J. L. Austin, a Semiotician, has written intensively about a linguistic phenomenon known as the Performative. In his exegesis, he documented how in certain social contexts, the utterance became a Performative – a word is uttered, and something happens or a transformation occurs. This Performative is found for instance when a man and a woman utter the words, “I do” in the right contexts and this utterance transforms them from the state of singlehood, to a state of being married. (Austin, J. L. *How to do Things with Words*)

As we live in times of filler words, and words that don't mean anything, we take for granted the words we utter, and often don't give two thoughts about what we say. We throw words to the wind, and we say words without understanding their etymology, or origins. The presence of the Performative in a secular context should jolt us and remind us that words have power.

Even more so as Christians, as John 1: 1-3 says, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be.”

The Word with a capital “w” is nothing less than GOD Himself. Words are loaded and have the power to heal, bless, and curse.

I recall having lunch with some friends from Junior College, and a few of them were already mothers. Two of them shared that they experienced miscarriages after the children they already had. Within the same group, we had already journeyed with another friend who had a stillborn. As the conversations progressed, I noticed a common thread – which possibly cannot be ascertained through Science. These mothers had somehow uttered something before their miscarriages and stillbirth, even though they did not mean it, to the light of, “Thank God! No more children for me. 1/2 is/are enough.” Of course, we can rationalise these occurrences, but I believe that something in their utterances was enacted as an unknown Performative.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that “**Every baptised person is called to be a blessing and to bless.**” (C.C.C. 1669) In Christ, we are blessed by the Father. Blessings in the Catholic Church are also known as sacramentals as they prepare us to receive the Grace of the Sacraments and help us to grow more like Christ. (C.C.C. 1670) We often see the clergy blessing people and objects, but we too, can impart blessings to others because of our baptism and confirmation. This is specially pertinent to laypersons in a special office, such as parents on behalf of their children.

Why is it so important to bless? **In blessing someone we invoke the goodness of God, and recall that “God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good.”** (Genesis 1: 31) In choosing to bless, we refuse to accept any curse that may be upon us, and instead, nullify these curses with our thanksgiving, praise, and glorification of God's providence and goodness. Blessings also transform potential curses into blessings by invoking the grace, mercy, and healing of GOD. Thankfully, in Catholic wisdom, there is a blessing for everything and anything from new homes to herbs; from beer to bread. There's even a blessing for bacon. Some prayers of blessing can be found here:

<https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=609>

*What is something that or someone whom we need to bless with our words today?*

By Brian Bartholomew Tan

**Prayer for Planning Retreatants**

(Parish Planning Retreat 5 to 7 Oct)

*Let us Pray for the retreatants and let them have an open heart to draw themselves close to the Lord. Help them embrace one another, similarities, differences, concerns and joys in One Church.*

*Keep them healthy, rested and full of peace from beginning to end. Amen*

**Parish Collection**

Sunday Eucharist Collection: \$ 5,622.40  
For the Poor (SSVP): \$ 2,736.70

**Celebrant Schedule**

\*New timing: Sunday Eucharist is now at 10 am

Date	Eucharistic Celebration	Celebrant	Preacher
15 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
16 Sep	10 am	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
16 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. Terence
22 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
23 Sep	10 am	Fr. Terence	Fr. Terence
23 Sep	5.30 pm	Fr. John	Fr. Terence

**Eucharistic Celebration**

**Opening Hours**

**Weekend Eucharist**

**Sat Sunset:**  
5.30 pm  
**Sun:** 8 am (M), 10 am, 5.30 pm  
Confession: 30 mins before EC

**Weekday Eucharist**

**Mon- Fri:**  
6.30 am & 6 pm  
**Sat:** 6.30 am

**Eucharist on Public Holidays**

7.30 am only

**Holy Hour**

7.30 pm, 1<sup>st</sup> Fri of the month only.  
Followed by Eucharist at 8.30 pm  
(except during the period of Lent)

**Parish Office**

**Mon- Fri:**  
8.30 am - 5 pm  
**Sat:** 8.30 am - 11 am  
**Sun:** Closed

**Adoration Room**

Daily: 7 am - 10 pm

**Columbarium**

Daily: 7 am - 7 pm  
Prayers: every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun of the month only.  
9 am (M) & 11.30 am \* (E)

\*New Timing

**Canteen**

Sun: 7 am - 12 pm

**Parish Directory**

Main: 6291 9272

Parish Secretariat (ext. 1)

Email : [csn.secretariat@catholic.org.sg](mailto:csn.secretariat@catholic.org.sg)

Parish Priest: Fr. Terence Pereira (ext. 6)

Asst. Parish Priest: Fr. John Van Dich MEP (ext. 5)

Columbarium (ext. 3)

We are located at: 17 St Michael's Rd, Singapore 327976

**Feast Day Triduum - 26 to 28 Sep Wednesday to Friday**

During the three days of the Triduum, there will be the recitation of the Chaplet of St. Michael at 7.30pm before the Eucharist Celebration at 8pm.

(26 Sep) Day 1's Theme: **Know Our Faith** Celebrant: Fr. JJ Fenelon  
(27 Sep) Day 2's Theme: **Faith To Serve** Celebrant: Fr. Valerian Cheong  
(28 Sep) Day 3's Theme: **Faith To Share** Celebrant: Msgr Ambrose Vaz

**Feast Day and Consecration of Altar - "Vibrant in Faith" - 29 Sep, Saturday**

Archbishop William Goh will celebrate our 57th Feast Day Eucharist at 5.30pm. His Grace will also consecrate our altar. A light dinner will follow after the celebration.

*\*\*Please note that there will be no morning Eucharist Celebration from 26 to 29 Sep, Wednesday to Saturday*

**Parish Feast and Fair - 30 Sep, Sunday**

To close our Feast Day celebrations, come join the festivities, food and games at our Parish Feast and Fair after the 10am Eucharist Celebration.

**Evening Brew - 19 Oct, Friday**

Please join us for an evening where we kick back, relax with a drink and talk about theology Faith and practices. This is a casual Q&A discussion.

Venue: Outside St Michael's room Time: 7.30pm

**Lumen Gentium Part II - beginning 26 Oct, Friday**

Delve deeper into the Vatican II documents in this second part series!

Venue: Worship Hall Time: 8pm

**Parish News**

**October Month of the Rosary. Theme: Family Life**

Recitation of the rosary and procession around the church on 1st and 31st October at 7.30pm. Weekday nightly rosary at 7.30pm and weekend rosary at 7pm at the grotto. All are welcome

**Infant Baptism - 14 Oct, Sunday**

Infant Baptism: 14 Oct, Sunday Time: 11.45am, Worship Hall  
Preparatory Session: 22 Sep, Saturday Time: 1.30pm, St Michael's Room  
Register: at the Parish Admin Office by 17 Sep

**RCIA Journey (English) - Begins 25 Oct, Thursday**

A new process will begin. Do speak to your non-baptised friends and bring them to RCIA.

**Archdiocesan News**

**Gift Collection for Month of September**

This weekend, There will be a second collection to receive your monthly pledges and contributions for the GIFT (Giving in Faith & Thankfulness) campaign. Contributions to GIFT will help others encounter the love of Christ through numerous archdiocesan organisations and building projects of the archdiocese. More info is available at [gift.catholicfoundation.sg](http://gift.catholicfoundation.sg)

**Half-day Retreat for Married Couples - 30 Sep, Sunday**

The retreat is specifically for married couples and the purpose is to give them the time and space to be quiet and pray with the Word of God.  
Retreat Title: "Making Christ present in the family"  
Venue: 4 Sommerville Rd  
Time: 3.15pm to 6.00pm  
Register or contact: Mark at 9487 0999

**Walking With Families, Celebrate the Joy of Family!**

**Contest Period: 16 Sep to 16 Nov 2018**  
Take part in a photography contest, capturing pictorially catholic family life, and stand to win prizes up to \$1,500!

For more information log on to: <http://bit.ly/ACFPhotoContest>

